GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

COMMISSIONS – Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act 60 of 1952) – Appointment of Justice Sri C.Y.Somayajulu, Retired Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh as Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the stampede occurred on 14.07.2015 at Pushkarams Ghat, Rajahmundry – Extension of term of Commission - Notification Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (LAW & ORDER) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 99 Dated: 27-04-2016

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.128, General Administration (Law & Order) Department , dt.15.09.2015.
2. From the Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari, Kakinada Letter No. Ref.H5/2791/2014, dt:22.03.2016.

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O R D E R:

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued appointing Justice Sri C.Y.Somayajulu, Retired Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh as Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the stampede occurred on 14.07.2015 at Pushkarams Ghat, Rajahmundry and submit its report within a period of six months from the date of assumption of charge. A notification to this effect was published in Part-I extra-ordinary issue of A.P.Gazette No.238-A, dated 15.09.2015. Accordingly, the Commission of Inquiry has assumed charge.

2. The Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari, Kakinada in his letter 2nd read above, has stated that during the proceedings held by the Commission on 23.02.2016, the Commission has granted time upto 05.03.2016 for the public / witness to file their affidavits relating to the incident and directed the District Administration to file replies to all such affidavits by 19.03.2016, and the same will be inquired by the Commission on 21.03.2016. About 29 affidavits were filed by injured persons, persons of different political parties as witness to the above incident. As could be seen from the affidavits filed by various witnesses, information from various departments is required to be obtained and counterchecked to answer the allegations levelled by number of witnesses before the Hon'ble Commission. In view of the above circumstances, the Hon'ble Commission was requested through their Counsel to extend at-least two weeks time from 19.03.2016 to enable the District Administration file its affidavit.

3. During the proceedings held by the Hon'ble Commission on 21.03.2016, the request made by the District Administration was considered and time was extended upto 29.03.2016. While granting time, the Hon'ble Commission informed that the term of the Commission would end by 29.03.2016 and as regards extension of tenure of the Commission, and the Hon'ble Commission verbally informed that though the Commission would report present stage of the proceedings to Government, it would be proper for the Government to initiate such steps for extension of its tenure.

4. In the circumstances explained above, the Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari, Kakinada has requested to consider for extending the tenure of the Commission beyond 29.03.2016, so that the Commission can complete its inquiry and can give its report to the State Government.

5. Government after careful consideration, have decided to extend the term of the said Commission for a further period of three months from 30.03.2016 to 29.06.2016.

6. The following Notification shall be published in an extraordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 27.04.2016.

(P.T.O.)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3(1) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act No.60 of 1952) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby extends the term of the Commission appointed in G.O.Ms.No.128, General Administration (Law & Order) Department, dated.15.09.2015, for a further period of 3 (three) months. The Commission will complete its enquiry and submit its report to the State Government on or before 29.06.2016.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.TUCKER,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Justice Sri C.Y.Somayajulu, Retired Judge, High court of A.P.,Hyderabad.
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Pub.Wing), Hyderabad (for publication of Notification in an extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette, dt.27.04.2016 and to supply 100 copies of the same).

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